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The Rural Electrification Administration today allotted funds for two generating plants - one in Ohio and one in Wisconsin.

The Ohio generating plant, for which \$237,000 was allotted, will be constructed in Preble County by an association of power distribution cooperatives in that section of the State. These cooperatives have been unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain satisfactory contracts for the purchase of electricity at wholesale. The amount allotted for this generating plant is part of the sum set aside earlier for a generating plant in the northwestern corner of the State. Because the cooperatives there have been able to obtain a substantial reduction in the quotations for wholesale energy, a definite allotment for a generating plant in the Toledo area has been deferred pending the outcome of negotiations now being conducted.

The REA allotment for the Wisconsin plant is \$500,000. The plant will be constructed in the southwest corner of the state, and operated by an association made up of REA-financed distribution cooperatives throughout that section.

The first cooperative to get energy from this plant will be the Vernon County Electric Cooperative, of Westby, with lines in Vernon, La Crosse, Sauk and Monroe Counties. This project has a one-year contract with the Northern States Power Company under which it purchases electricity at one cent a kilowatt hour. The power company has just notified the cooperative, however, that at the expiration of the contract it will be terminated.

Both the Ohio plant and the Wisconsin plant will be located in the approximate centers of their load areas. Several optional sites are now under consideration, and one in each State will be selected in the immediate future. In the meantime, engineers will start to draft plans and specifications, both for the generating equipment and for the buildings to house it.

